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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on a Form SB/08 is a listing of a document known to applicant in order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56. A copy of the listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.97-1.98.

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The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a final Office Action has been mailed out by the PTO under 37 CFR §1.113. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(d), a statement and fee are required. The statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2) is listed below and the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Document H1 was cited in a U.S. Patent Office communication in a counterpart U.S. patent application. Document H1 is in English.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form SB/08 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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